



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* October 19, 2015

1. Poker Ride rescheduled. We have rescheduled our beleaguered Poker Ride at Broadview for Sunday, November 8. First riders out at 9:00 AM, last riders out at 11:00 AM. Cost will be \$35 (juniors \$25) which includes lunch. It's a beautiful course – different from previous rides at Broadview. Please consider riding and bringing friends.

2. Opening Meet. Invitations are in the mail for our Opening Meet – **Saturday, October 31 at 8:00 AM** at The Hunt, Inc. This will be an extra special meet as it will be a joint meet with our friends from the Glenmore Hunt as well as our day to host Virginia Hunt Week. Our breakfast team of Valerie Mann, Sue & Roger Charlton and Laura Grantham have already started making plans. They'll need lots of help, so please be ready to volunteer when the call goes out. Cost will be \$10 per Rockbridge Hunt member *unless you have pre-arranged to help with the breakfast*. BYOB. We can't wait to see you there!

3. Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, November 7. Swoope Area. Details on time and exact location will be forthcoming.

4. Jumps! Rockbridge has formed a jump fund to replace our coops that have served us well and are ready to be retired. We are happy to announce that we now have a brand spanking new coop in the riding ring! Bernard Hylton graciously donated his time and talented labor to build this gorgeous coop. We would like to thank donors to the jump fund for making this happen: Anne Howard, Sue Charlton, Louise Gollian, Valerie Mann, Laura Grantham, and Kathy Munsey. We will continue to accept donations to the jump fund for future coop projects. ~Valerie Mann

5. Wall Calendars. Louise Gollian is hard at work on our annual Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar for 2016. She is looking for lots of new photos, so please share any you have with her as soon as possible. Louisegollian@aol.com

6. Website Woes. An old server, which was running part of the Rockbridge Hunt website, has been retired. We will be completely overhauling the website at some point, with a mobile-friendly interface. (We can hope!) For now, the website is pretty minimal, but the essentials should be there. If you open the website and get a page with green background and photographs (the old site), hit the refresh button. You'll get a new, temporary site with no color or pictures, but with links to the essential information.

7. Sedgefield Cup 2016. It's official! The dates have been set for the 2016 renewal of the Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial – “The Sedgefield Cup” – March 25-27, 2016. Detailed information will be available after the new year. Mark your calendar now for an exciting weekend of foxhunting and fellowship in North Carolina!

8. Are you licensed to Hunt? Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before coming out to hunt. We recommend that you get a statewide license if you plan to attend joint meets away from home. You can purchase licenses several ways:

On-line at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>

By telephone: 1-866-721-6911 (available Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM, except holidays)

In person at local license agents located around the Commonwealth. Licenses are also sold by some clerks of the Circuit Court.

9. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting Terminology:

Babble – To give tongue on scent other than fox, or on no scent, or on a scent too faint to follow.

Excerpt from *A Long Way to Go* by Marigold Armitage

*Conor would tell us that Paddy Casey had been trying to sell his grey horse and the lad had given it a crucifying fall over wire; that the puppy Aunt Emmy had walked was still inclined to **babble**; that they had gone away very fast from Killanure and several people had been left; that Mike Harrington's English horse had flown a stone-faced bank -- "the sight went from my eyes to see the lep he made"; the hounds had split on a fresh fox, but Tommy had managed to stop them; that Euphemia Coke had jumped a "hell of a big, dirty drain like Becher's Brook" on her four-year-old by Tartan; and on these words we would hang, wide-eyed, like children learning about Father Christmas.*

10. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

October 16-31	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 31	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds, Joint meet with Glenmore Hunt and Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, November 7	Joint meet at the Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet and Blessing of the Hounds, Swoope, VA
Sunday, November 8	Rockbridge Hunt Poker Ride at Broadview
Saturday, February 6, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball
Wednesday, May 12, 2016	Annual Meeting *Fundraising events

11. Other Hunt-related dates

Tues-Sun. October 20-25	Washington International <i>Horse Show</i>
Saturday, October 24	Stonewall Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 31	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 1	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, November 7	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, November 8	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, November 14	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 15	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Thursday, November 26	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, March 19, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Bull Run Hunt <i>Races</i>
Mon, Mar 21-Sat. March 26	Bull Run Hunt <i>March Madness</i>
Fri, Mar 25-Sun Mar 27	Carolina <i>Foxhound Performance Trial</i> , "The Sedgefield Cup"
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, April 17, 2016	Loudoun Hunt Races with the Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Side-saddle Race, Oatlands

12. The Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound is archived on the RH website under Newsletters in the Archive section. You can also access copies by logging into Google or Google Groups and read stuff from the Friends list. If you don't have a Google account, it's easy to create one using the same email address that you use for the Friends list.

As always, if you have feedback or suggestions for the Executive Committee, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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